

Approved as amended, June 6, 2012

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Minutes for Monday, April 23, 2012,
3:00 – 5:00 pm
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Present: Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter, Adrienne Terrizzi , Patricia Holland, Alan Powell, Carol Gray. Absent: Nonny Burack.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Pre-Town Meeting Projects

- Comments on Bus Trip: Mary handed around the evaluations, which were generally positive. Some thought the trip too long, others too short. Alan said the bus was too noisy for videos, but Adrienne's use of a digital recorder produced good sound. Peggy wished for rags for the foggy window. We generally agreed it was good to use the travel time for questions. Peggy said that some people don't come on bus trips because they feel the presentations are unbalanced. Mary recommended we study that subject after TM is over. Alan returned the TV equipment to Amherst Media and will edit the tape. The tape ran out early; Carol said Alan Snow, the tree warden, would reprise his presentation.
- Precinct Meetings: Mary noted that because two precinct meetings occur at the same time we will need two sets of visuals. She has emailed sign-in sheets to the leaders. They will get updated evaluation forms. Alan noted we should get copies of the school budgets. Pat raised the issue of newspaper coverage of the warrant, article by article. Peggy said it was too costly.
- Orientation: Peggy handed out a copy of her recommendations to Barbara Ford and Harrison Gregg regarding what issues should be covered at the orientation. Harrison Gregg said he would like to be involved. We suggested he should welcome the new members as they came into the orientation. Peggy will include in the LWV Amherst Town Meeting handbook up-to-date copies of the latest precinct map.
- Report to Town Meeting: Peggy attended the meeting that dealt with planning how articles would be presented at TM. Harrison Gregg emphasized that speakers must keep remarks short.
- Town Website: Mary reported that it is up to date but needs a posting of the winners of the TM election.
- Library: Pat said she would gather materials from the back table at TM to deliver to the Jones Library.

2. TMCC Election: Harrison Gregg informed Peggy that he discussed TMCC's suggestions for holding the election in the check-in area with the Town Clerk, Sandra Burgess, and decided against that and to hold it in last year's location instead. He promised to remind people to vote. Sandra has not yet set the date for the election.

3. Provisions for the Hearing Impaired: Adrienne said the DAAC meeting will be May 1st at 11:45 AM at the Stavros Center. Adrienne, Peggy, Pat, and Larry Orloff will attend and will have 30 minutes to present the issue of communication access in the ARMS auditorium for TM and the Town Room in Town Hall. The aim is to raise the awareness of the DAAC about the hearing problems and to learn what ADA says is the town's responsibility for the issue. We will show the DAAC a copy of our guide to visual presentations for TM. Larry

Orloff suggested using the TMCC listserve to ask people about their hearing problems in these two locations; we decided we would wait for the DAAC response before doing that.

Future Meeting: TMCC will meet Monday, June 4, 2012, 3-5 PM. The meeting will include old and new members. We discussed when to meet with Harrison Gregg and decided we would do that in September.

Minutes: The minutes of April 16th were approved as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk

Documents Distributed:

Agenda

Minutes for April 16th

Warrant Review Evaluation

Peggy Roberts' email to Barbara Ford, Harrison Gregg, 4/17/12, "Orientation for New Town Meeting Members"